ON TRAIN . Dec. 22'nd 1884

Dearest HELEN, -

Thomas left me only a little while ago and I thought I wuld start a letter to you expecting of course two or three from you for this one . It has turned out very nicely, as doubtless have already heard, that the party of Japanese who were to have been on the ocean with me are on the same train and in the same car going to San Fransisco with me I shall leave them at Ogden while I go to Salt Lake City but I shall meet them again when I get on the Steamer at the end of America. One of them is Mr. YOKOYAMA'S (whom as you will remember ,I met in England)partner, but I have not seen him yet as he is alittle indisposed and has been in bed all day The interpreter is a Swiss and a very nice fellow he has travelled almost all over the world and is therefor quite agood talker .Just at this moment the Minister of War ,who is a thick set broad shouldered fellow though rather short fo his breadth is taking his after dinner siesta(If a broken and disturbed sleep in a Pullman car can be digmified by such a title)& a party of seven others are hard at work? over a game of cards they seem toenjoy them very much and I am told by their interpreter that no matter how much they may get beaten they never lose their temper and it does certainly seem as if those who are beaten enjoy their defeat as much as their opponents. They do their counting by means of little shells and keep on playing as if wound up to go forever ;the interpreter is try- to while away the hours by diving into the pages of a novel and here and there as I glance down the car I can see the head , the top of a book, the toes of two feet, the tassel

of a cap, or the fingers and elbow of some arm which warn me that there are more in the car than those I see and remind me of " Roses born to blush unseen" and now and then a not far off rumbling(shall I call it music or discord) reminds me that the Japanese have a" hymnology" distinctively their own.

As I look outside I see that we are going over a section of country that is remarkable not for its mountains, not for its plaines, for neither its beauty nor its homeliness; for neither its literati, nor its poets; (we just passed the stations Hawthorne & Emerson) but is remarkable for its entire lack of anything that is remarkable. Now I suppose you will say why is it that Horace cant write a decent letter? He might know that I would'nt care for such stuff as that ."

Well the truth is Helen I cant and never could, Now you need not not take pity upon my weakness and say you do like this letter for I sha'nt believe you if you do.

Now I must stop my nonsese and get to business which just now chances to be the closing & signing of this letter of which you I am sure you will be very glad & wish I had done it long ago. Love, kisses, & a merry Christmas to ALL with a Lion's share for yourself

YOUR LOVING BROTHER,

HORACE GRANT UNDERWOOD.

Horace Grant Underwood

Seoul, Korea. Feb 6th. 1887

My Dear Fred;-

I want to sit down and send you a few words about Korea and the things aout here. I had intended towrie you a long letter by the last mail but I was unable to do this and it has already been some time since that mail left and it will prohably be still some time before she does leave.

When she does leave I shall v leave with her as the mission have voted me permission to go to Japan and I am going to aval avail my self of that permissiIn at once. I have been feeling a little warn etu of late but now that it is decided that I tah a run to Japan the very thought has straightened me out. I do not realy need the changes but the n I have thus far been sick every summer that I have been here and I think that byL going now and taking a rest I shall be able to ward off this difficulty this summer. Then it is settled that I go to Japan and the very next steamer, the one that will take this letter t will take me to Japan. There I will se Oltmans and Demarest whom I knew in New Brunswick and spending about a week there will at once push on to Yokohama. I am going tetry and look into the school work and I think that now that I have had a little experience myself I shall be able to look up the matter much more thoroughg ly than when I passed through Japan on my way here. I am also going to try and take a copy of the gospel of Mark to have it printed there and will then try and find out about the cost of printing a phrase book on Korean. I shall spend most of my time in Yokohama and am looking forward to my visit with Dr. and Mrs. Hepburn as much as to anything else. They are a fine old couple and it does one good in every way to see them.

I suppose you have seen from the letters to the girls that I have been having a very good time out here and that while I have a good deal of work to do it is not all a wok work and no palay at all. We have as I have told them a good deal of society here and it is of the best a fact which you can see from the laist of those who were at my dinner.

I was giving to the girls a sort sort of diary of what I have been doing and I will take it up just where I left off with them. I suppose that you will be surprised to hear that I have commenced to learn to skate. I have not been doing remarkably well at it and have been the source of amusement and but of ridicule at more thna one of the skating parties.

Mr. Hunt of the customs has had a rink made in his grounds and it is open to any one any day that there is skating.

During the week between Christmass and New Years we had a good deal of skating there and things were quite lively.

Through Miss Ellers we had an invitation to the Palace to skate on their pond which is very large. A good sized party went and we had a very good time till the sanow came and stopped us. When we stopped we went to a reception room where there were cigars and cigarettes for all who wanted and in a little while Min Pansa, one of the hig est men in the Kingdom asked me to annoumce that Supper was ready. We then adjourned to another room were t we found a table laden wihth delicacies

It was a foreign dinner and there was nothing Korean on the table. During the meal the King and Queen were in an adjoining room separated only by paper doors and they continually spoke through the doors to Min Pansa giving him messages to the company which messages he then asked me to translate into English. We had a very pleasant time but the journey home afterwards was not all that we would have wished as the snow was coming on account of their supposing that we should -

was not at all what we could have wished as the snow was coming down very fast and it had already become quite deep and neither my horse nor chair had been sent for me. This I found out afte -rwards was owning to the fact that my servants did not expect us to start for home till quite late instead of which we started quite early. Each of us had an escort of two soldiers to see that we get home safely.

I have not been doing very much in the skating line since this night but only the day before yesterday we had a sort of petty ice carnival and there was skating by moonlight on the rink which was also lit up by lanterns and there were fires to keep the feet warm and then w there was chocalate and tea to help keep the inner man warm. I t made a very pretty sight and there were a good many there. I took my little boy r round and he had a very nice time. All the foreigners here make so much of him and he is liked by all. He is a very nice little fellow and is as bright as a steel trap. Some time ago I decided that it was too much to ask the foreigners to remember his Korean name and that he ought to have an English name. I did not know what to call him so I decided to ask him. I n only did it in fun and rattled them over at a pretty fast rate never thinking that he would be able to get hold of one and then asked him which he thought best. He astonished me by answereing at once John and thus he is called now.

On New Years Eve all the Foreigners of Seoul (about 50) were invitedto Judge Denny's to see the old year pass out. A lrge company was there and just as the old years passed away we rang all the bells that we could find and the whole company joining hands sang 'Auld Lang Syne'.

We did not get home till quite late and it ws about 3.30 when I get to bed. On New Years Day I could not help thinking of the last New Years that we spent together and I did have the audacity to picture to myself the sight that Thomas and I saw from the window of Mr. Harrisons study. I wished that I could see you tipping over the buggy at the lane near our house but above all did I wish that I could be at home again and running over the same route with you. There was but little time allowed me for dreaming however for after I had recieved a note or so I had arranged to go off for a skate and meeting the rest we had a very good time. I ~~took lunch at~~ Mr. Hunts and as soon as this was over got my horse and went round to make calls with Mr. Hunt and Mr Huldurt.

It ws then quite late and to start out at that time although we all were well mounted it took all our energies and some very short calls to get round and finish up as it seemed to be the order of things not to call after 6 in the evening.

On the whole I had a very pleasant day of it.

We enjoyed the week of prayer very much but we felt that we did no thave the Spirits presence as we had it last year. There was not that feeling of nearness to God and of Gods na nearness to us that there was last year. And as I speak of th this we feel that we have as a community the Spirituality that we had last year . We seem to be degenerating and we need the prayers of those who are at home that in the interval of studying the language we may be kept from turning into all head and no heart. This is the danger that we feel and we have to stive against it. I am in great hopes that my trip to Japan will be a benefit to me in this respect and that my intercourse t with those who are in Yokohama will do me good.

Now I have only time to saya few word more and say good by bye and I feel sure that you will say that two pages of fools-c p ought to have been enough without my starting on a third. Pardon my saying so much but then you can think how you would be dumned and bother by my tw talking were I to come home for this im l not a tith of what I have to tell.

I t was very good of you boys to remember me as you did at Christmas time but it was altogether too much . You have already done so much that this only makes the debt of obligatin the heavier. Very many thanks.

Tell the girls (and this is for you also) that the last mail brough no letters at all from home. Everyone h else had plenty but poor me had not a letter. I know I ought to wrt write more than I do but there is only one out here and I telly you that to a fellow out here letters from home cannot be valud One gets to look and watch for them and when after three weeks watching there is nothing but papers one feels like throwing them away. I am sorry that Ethel is having such a hard time of it and I trust that long ere this reaches you she will have fully recovered her old strength and will be making rabid strides toward real strenthg and robustness.

I had meant to have written to her but I have not as yet ben able to. Give her my love and ask her not to wait for me to write to her but to sit down and let me have a line.

I want to know about business and all such particulars. I have not heard for m you for a long time and I donot seem to be going to. I hope when I come back from Japan to fidn a whole host of letters waiting for me. I shall try and stop the letters on their way by but I am not sure that I can.

While I am gone I am going to lock up the house and Dr. Hern Heron is going to look after things somewhat. He is going to attend to my horse and Mrs. Heron has been so kind as to insit that little John shall be sent up there. I did not know what to do with him and had in fact de serieuse thoughts of taking him along but then when Mrs. Heron made this kind offer I acce -pted. I thought that there might be some difficulty when I go to Japan if I took the little fellow with me as I had invitations for myself but not one of them had asked me to bring a baby along too and although he is a good deal more than a a baby thre would have been a good deal of bother with him.

Trusting to have a good long letter from you by the next mail, thanking you again for your generouse Christmas present I am Your Affectionate Brother

Horace J. Underwood

P.S. I do not get very good results with this ribbon in the copying book. I think the trouble is with myself and would be glad if you would send out a clear minute lesson on copying.

H,. G. U.

Seoul, Korea. July 25th. 1887

My Dear Fred;-

Many thanks for the good long letter which you summoned up courage to write to me on May 19th. You say that you had intended writing to me for a month past but that you had not been able to do so and although I am perfectly willing to excuse you, under the circumstances, I want to tell you that there is a place that is said to be lined with "good intentions" and I hope that hereafter you will not only have the good intentions but that you will carry them out.

On the day before my birth day I got a batch of letters from home which made it very pleasant indeed. At the same time however I had a letter from the Board in which there was no hint at any desire at all to investigate the matter or any sign of a willingness to take back their former action of deciding without an investigation and they simply said that if I insisted in my resignation they would accept it. I had intended writing copies of all the correspondence and sending them to Thomas but the mail goes a day oones than I thought it would and I shall not be able to do so. This in part took away from the enjoyment of the following day but then the batch of good letters that I got from you folks counteracted a good deal the effect of the Boards letters. I have the blues at times and then I am good for nothing. I feel the ned of some one to whom I can go for advise and counsel.

I hope the Canada branch is doing well and that Spen is getting along nicely. Of course there will be I suppose a good deal of extra expense in connection with it and that it will be some time before you will see the returns coming in as fast as you would like but I suppose they will come in good season. I am glad that you like the things that I sent and that

some of the Photos have turned out well. I am glad that you saw Mr. Booth and I think that you found him a very nice man.

He is as you say a live active man and is doing well in Japa n. Every one likes him there and he seems to be just in his place in the school where he is.

He is a good talker and although he is not quite as much a success as a preacher, he makes a fine pastor and has I think just found his place. His wife also i a fine lady and I wish that the girls could have met her. I am glad to hear about the good times that people have at your house and think that some day I will come over by electricity and see how you are and you know as your daytime is our night I might leave here at Sunset and reache there in time for breakfast , spend the day with you all and get back here in time for breakfast and work the next morrning. A good scheme , do you not think so.

Many thanks for your Photo. I dont tink that you have chang changed at all. I have only changed in one particulr , so I am told, I have grown more homely and ugly than ever. I am going to try and take my picture and send you a copy so that you may see what I am like. I think that I shall have one picture taken in my summer costume on my poney but I am not quite sure. Many thanks for the instructions with reference to copying and I will now try and do better.

We are as you will have heard from the girls down at the rive river and we are having a very pleasant time indeed. All the people in Seoul envy us and in this hot season when the ther mometer registers 98 in the shade and 128 and 130 in the sun we are very fortunate to be down here where we can get a breeze now and then. It must be remembered too that this is an Eastern Sun and that it effects one much more than a home sun does. We went up to Seoul to church yesterday but there

were only three foreigners besides the Preacher there.

Rather slim i it not. I do not think that we are going to have any cholera this year. The winter was I think severe enough to kill off all germs and if this was the case with cae at the ports we can be free. Last year it was supposed to have come in from Japan through the port on the South.

We thought that we were going to have a famine because the rains have been so scarce but now the immediate danger is over and it begins to look as though the crops will d well. You know rice is the main article of food in Korea and it needs a great deal of water to grow, in fact it has to be planted in paddy field os shallow ponds and if the rains dont come no rice can be grown. I hope the time will soon come when upland rice will be introduced and then they will not be so dependant upon the rainy season. As far as rainy season this year we hae as yet had none. We have had rain by the week at a time but th this is very different to what it wa two years ago when we har -dly saw a ray of sun-light for six weeks in succession.

But I must close this Epistle and will try and write to you sonn again. With much love to all I am

Your Affectionate Brother

Horace G. Underwood

Seoul Korea Oct 11th/85

My dear Fred:

I am over at Mr Lewis's & Mr Hulbert & I am in the guest house. It is only a little after ten so I thought I would drop a line to you & ask how you all are & tell you what is going on here. First then politically we are in a muddle. China is putting her hand in work that does not belong to her & it is not easy to get the matter straightened out. You know Korea made treaties with other powers at the advice of China, thereby, at least so far as her treaty with the United States is concerned, making herself virtually an independent power. China not only allowed this but virtually advised it. According to treaties she was to send ministers to the other powers but up to this time she has not done so as she had not the funds. Now it is determined to send representatives to all the powers with which she has treaties. She sent one to Japan & appointed others to America etc. The one to America was already to start when China orders not & threatens war if the man is sent. This is rather unhanded but the poor king could do nothing but hold the man back. He is so weak & has been so in the habit of leaning on China that he does not know what to do & could only stay the Embassy. He says that it shall go & we are waiting anxiously to see what will be done.

The decision in this matter will settle once & for all the position of Korea. If the Embassys do not go or if they go only after asking China's position Korea is a vassal power but if the King will but say go without awaiting decisions from China, Korea will be independent & China dare not go to war. Some Koreans side with China but they are very few most of them say that it is too late for China to say anything now, that the time to have spoken was when the treaties were made. What our Govt will do we cannot learn & then it is so much tampering with the wires that nothing can be learned by Telegraph. The telegraph lines are run by the Chinese govt. Russia & Japan will both insist upon Korea's independence & I do not see but that the United States must do the same. We all hope for her independence as there is such a bad influence in all China's work. 2nd Socially out here things are as pleasant as ever. Though I could not get round early Saturday to get to Tennis before it was all over I had a couple of sets. I do not play well as I do not have much time to practice & then too as we have some crack players here my poor playing shows up rather badly. I am laughed at a good deal about it as also about my skating but I can stand this. I do not know whether I shall go in for skating next winter or not. It is such a pleasant pastime & then introduces so many pleasant gatherings that I think I shall go in again.

There is one thing about it, I have only a very poor pair of skates & although you will tell me of the carpenter & his tools I know that if I had better I could succeed better. I am are a pair of second hand ones that came from home. In a little while the dances will begin here again & was ~~so~~ his evening I a little informal dinner on Saturday last with Mr Hulbert, Miss Murrill & her brother & I spent a very pleasant evening indeed & broke up at about 11. Then last night there was a party of a card party at Mr Johnson's but all did not go. There were Mr Hulbert & Mr Tiang, Mr Murrill & his sister & myself, there. It made just a nice little number. We are not without our pleasures in this benighted land. We in all of us continually saying how fortunate we are. In Nagasaki, in, there are just about as many ladies as here & they are all divided into cliques while here we are all one. It makes it very pleasant indeed. All of us seem to think that if any one has a visitor all the rest time to be glad that he has a good time. Now & then we have picnic parties & go a little way into the country. Climatically we are having a kindly weather. Yokohama is noted for its climate any how but our fall weather is something unsurpassed. Even we here speak of it & all think we are fortunate enough to be here at this time of year carry away a fine impression of our weather. The whole year here is good with the exception of the one or two months of rainy season. Then it is so wet we almost need boats to go around in.

4th So I work among the foreign residents here. We have the regular Sunday services at 9 o'clock alternating between the Episcopal & a non-liturgical service. On the liturgical or Episcopal Sundays we read the service on the other Sundays Miss Merrill who is a thorough musician officiates. I have the regular work of decorating the church with flowers every Sunday & I find it a great deal of pleasure in it. Last Sunday I used wild flowers entirely except a bright red dahlias. We have here a very pretty pink dog daisy & we had a sort of pillow of those with a round bunch of bright yellow wild chrysanthemums in the centre. On each side were vases with fancy roses, daisies & dahlias. It made a very pretty effect. By the way our wild flowers here are very fine indeed & there is not a month in the year but what you can find a [illegible] of varieties that are perfectly charming as to color & odor and shape. I think that I shall have to work up my botany again & set to work & do classify them all. It would be delightful work & I am sure that it would not be too easy a pastime

5th So I work among the Koreans, they are booming. The work is going forward faster than we can keep pace with it. On all sides we are kindly engaged. I ought to go out into the country but my school work hinders me. I am hoping to take a trip

& the Christian Witness come as fine as a month time that will remove
difficulties. If I could give you my second wife & other times I could find
more time & still my doctor tells me I am missing work. I cannot
go north further, the missionary work & there I stay nursing
with me & do medical work all along the road. I would be a great help
very much indeed & I know that a good deal of good would be accomplished
We have & as I have the Thomas bought a place house as an Evangelistic
centre for our missionary men. The work opens up for women & we
going to do the same for them. I have supplied beyond the house but
I expect the missionaries to take it down as soon as we can have a
meeting here. We expect to put a mean woman there & some women
meet there right along. It will also be a very good place for a girls
school. I do not see how I can do both objects at this but the work
must be done & as the door open we must enter. If the parent
does not take up this work for women I shall enter and work
the Methodists or else by & by I am the Lords intends it that
this can easily be done. In exchange is going along nicely & we
we are soon going to start a new school. We also see an
open door & although we do not see for what our duty to enter
is the door is open. Thus the work goes on & there are always
we might say added to the church daily of such as shall be saved.

I suppose you will think this is a great joke ~~that~~ I write a letter but I thought I would be sure as I tell you all I know & in this way. You see it is just as pleasant mining. I must think about issues this already to be sure. I was glad to hear in your last letter about business being so well & that all the machinery is nicely. Glad also about you & that had a battle many & so they would not go to Utah with you & as the Edmunds bill has become a law I would advise you to come your thoughts & use & settle down. Rather strange advice for a bachelor I give you since I heard of it I have been feeling quite anxious. You & Helen letters along & tell Lucca you must help me protect. Will get Jennie also. I cannot imagine why you did say Sir so. You with much love to all & hoping that you will excuse a letter which tells so much about myself I remain

Dearest

Your affectionate Brother

Horace G. Wadsworth

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Seoul, Korea. May 20th. 1890

My Dear Thomas;

Once more we are back in Seoul and are getting ready for work anew. Our trip to Japan has we think done us both much good in many ways and in none more than in giving us an insight into the work as it is done in other fields and by other missions.

We have indeed seen much to learn in such a ripe field as Japan but this has not been to us the only experience for while we were in Japan we met missionaries from every field in the world which you may well imagine we would be a great benefit. The books are now done and as they were to be sent direct to you I suppose that you will have seen them before This. I hope that you will like the get up of them and that they will please in every way. I should very much like to have any suggestions that you may have for there may be some things that ought to be changed. Now that we have got back Iam going to ask the mission to permit me to spend most of my time on the work of translation and at the same time I am going to work on a larger and more complete dictionary. Of course the one as now put out is as it claims to be very concise but there are I think enough words for all practical purposes.

A larger work is needed and I shall put in what spare time I may find in working on this. I can carry on this work as I go along with the work on translation.

I find work quite as ready as ever and the need for men quite as apparent. I do not know what is the matter but if we only had more men there is a host of work that can be done. I have just heard again that our board are not going to send us any more men for some time to come yet. If this is so we will have to work all the harder but I do hope and pray that the men may be forthcoming. As soon as we got back we opened up the boxes that you were so good as to send. How good of you to remember us so. The pianno lamp is a beauty and helps wonderfully to light up a room as well as being such a handsome ornament. The Lord is too good to us. We have every thing so nice and comfortable now and in fact the whole house has we are afraid too much of an air of refinement and comfort.

The Bible is a beauty and will be a great help. I pray that I may ever try to follow its teachings

I shall use that copy entirely in my work of translation as there are such good wide margins on which I can put any notes that I may want to. We tried the cake at one and hung up the pudding for a special occasion. John was delighted with his things and at once commenced to play with his toys. He is getting to be quite a big boy and professes to be a christian and I realy believe that he is trying to do what is right.

We have been very busy since we got back with a sort of house cleaning. You may imagine how dirty every thing would be after a house had ben shut up for six months. While we were away some one got in and took off quite a few of our things. We cannot imagine who it could have been but it seemed to be someone who was acquainted with the values of things as they took only cut

glass and left the other. Then There were a lot of other small things. Lillie says it was because we prized them~~them~~ too much. But u then we have a host of goodt things left and as they did get in and did not take all that we had we ought to be thankful. While we were away the people did not keep the greenhouse fire properly and as a consequence most of the flowers were dead but they will soon pick up again.

When we got back we found that Mrs Hulbert and Mrs Bunker had come in and opened up and had a lot of ~~flows~~ flowers around and that every thing was made to look as homelike as possible. Mrs Hulbert and Mr Moffat were ~~a~~ ~~xxxx

Jan 15 / 98

My dear Lizzie:

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The Tabernacle, Shanghai, July 1st 95

My dearest Thomas:

The last mail that we have had from America was your kind letter of May 17th which contained my answers gift to the work & to myself.

It reached here on the afternoon of the day that we had to start off for Chang Yen in the country & when I opened it we could realize the tears that would come when we read you were not reserve all that we do for us & trust that God will enable us to use all these things for his glory & not to self.

We came down for the Sabbath & now I am home alone at the house to help a little. Trouble is sure to call me from the city & that is why I am writing this moment as we go in at daylight tomorrow morning.

I just the moment was stopped in the street & asked to come & give cholera medicine to a patient who is sick in village about ten miles further down the river. I have been asked to the other day to know the weight medicine. But let me go back a little & you will know what I have been doing & how I have been spending my time.

On the 2nd of June we had a day of prayer & fasting for the work here in Seoul & for the manifestation of the power of the Spirit among the missionaries & among the natives. The night was held at our house here & we had a very blessed season of prayer & Bible study. In the afternoon word was received that Rev Mr McKenzie who had been sick & had gone up in Chang Yen was alone & misery was dead — & we an anxious hour. I felt that a trip to Chang Yen was an earnest call — & I

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[illegible] if I had [illegible] I was for a time speechless.
[illegible] announced the news & said that I must at once
start for Iowa City. I went to Sioux & learned to my horror that in Dr Jones
[illegible] to appeal for a time he was quite crazy & had taken his own life.
[illegible] in order to shock Dr Wells & I made arrangements to
start straight for the place to come into all the details & to assist
& strengthen the little band that was there. It was so short a day
[illegible] 200 miles [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] bustle [illegible] & not
[illegible] read & start off bright and early [illegible]
[illegible] on Thursday that your letter came & we were so
[illegible] us to see how kind & generous you were [illegible]
[illegible] so much to us. I could not believe my senses. Letters!
there must be a figure to many for the writing was plain.
I read it & read the letter. Re-read it & re-read it.
Had Ellen read it & she could hardly believe my eyes.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
weight. That for the work came just as we were needing it.
It is wonderful how God has written your [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] just as [illegible] needed. [illegible]
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be correct so far as [illegible] the same [illegible]
[illegible] us [illegible] just as it was needed. From
all of money for the Iowa Independent we will that
have to send for food, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

etc. I did not have the money to pay the rent nor the wages of the people employed.
I now had to find a good out the last of that money.
Letter written by Mad Scott written to me said that been
bed & thought sample of the Lord Dr Marion & I
received a letter from a stranger in Chicago whose name I
had never heard of which he enclosed $10.00 gold saying
that he thought it probable that in some of some of friends
of humanity appreciation & of that was the reward for the
dance I had not & turned out the injured home.
Funds had before this the Shelter fund were all gone
& not came from two young girls in San Francisco & offered
me open their in my own home, who were before now go to
Foreign field who hoped become Women that need the help.
Thus the God of our Father takes care of His children now as
He went round & Carry Jesus. Hard that time & trouble all
along the way. Hell is a free fellow hard to make independent
& [illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible] the
[illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible]
crowd. Large the capital of the next province also [illegible]
with number of [illegible] & [illegible] a lot of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

I hope they will not [illegible] the matter any longer [illegible]
[illegible] not [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Dr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

water when we can get away from the bustle of Leone & do some good book work.

I will the money from England & shall send for a bicycle so that I can get around & do my work. Several have the fever & it is found the air saving strength & time. I wish you could run down & see this place. You would not find a very fine mansion but a beautiful site in a great room that charge every moment almost & cause you to O. & the sea is plated with water.

But I must be closing. – cannot let go. [illegible] enjoyed that sugar. It was better than any we have had the flour & butter. The latter was the best that we have had in a long while. We found we could not use it all before it would spoil & we sold some & filled the rest on one side in butter mine.

The letter still came that [illegible] the key box & what a box it was. That umbrella came just as it was needed. Mine was broken & now I have it to get it [illegible]

[illegible] long [illegible] letter for [illegible] the great kind & thoughtful [illegible]. [illegible]

Tsuchi, Kitsu, Nov. 28, 1940.

My dear Hanno:

We received your nice letter (the first mail that came for a long time) the other day and thank you so much for it. It took us two weeks to get all those things from Kobe; indeed it must be a great deal of bother, and I assure you we appreciate it. The kind and the very nice-looking [illegible]. We do not allow ourselves to smell it or it till Christmas. Indeed, you did send us so many nice things. We have enjoyed the nice [illegible] that came in Tomomi's birthday box. The orange marmalade was particularly the kind we very fondly. Even I, who can not eat ordinary marmalade liked this. The baby is fine in [illegible], if you [illegible] - Tomomi [illegible] I think to make. I [illegible] the baby [illegible] Chiiko and a couple of refugee Koreans in the [illegible]. She is getting them off to China [illegible]. By the way, I'm afraid we have [illegible] . It's about [illegible] a [illegible] surgeon who really [illegible] is desperately [illegible] left and is [illegible] in [illegible]. By the way, a [illegible] bell, but the queen is alive. She escaped from [illegible] night in the dark, donned a soldier's clothes and went out with the palace guard. [illegible] were [illegible] out by the Japs and [illegible] shelter in the [illegible]. She is expected to [illegible] here in our house for a day or two at least [illegible]. Now I pity her! The king has been in danger of being murdered ever since. We have sent him food repeatedly. Fraser has been almost the only one when the king could trust to carry secret messages and it has been with the greatest difficulty he could get [illegible]

word in private with his majesty - frequently he has written messages on his cuffs at odd minutes. Night before last some of the king's friends attempted the police in order to arrest the conspirators and rescue the king, but the attempt failed. The king was greatly frightened and called out "Call the foreigners". Mr. Herbert and Dr.Ariano were at the palace at Horace's request with Horace, as they expected the attack and feared for the king's life, should the conspirators become alarmed. As soon as shots were heard they rushed to the king's apartments which they found surrounded by a heavy guard, bayonets were crossed in front of them but Horace person took noise and hurried on followed closely by the two others, and they remained by the king all night. Tonight we are getting a Korean general off to China who has been guilty of trying to help his king in time of some difficulty. A poor woman whose husband has just been arrested for leading in the attack the other night has just left us. We seem pretty deeply mixed up in politics but how can we help it. All these years the king has loaded our Mission and herselves with kindness - suddenly we is plunged in the deepest distress and cries on us for help - it is pitiful to see how we depend on a few poor missionaries. Our American Minister has asked Horace to act as confidential interpreter and go between, and has asked other missionaries also to stay with the king (for near him) at night, as witnesses, knowing that the ruffians now controlling the palace will be reluctant to do any per acts of villany upon the king with foreign witnesses. It is gossipped around here that Mr. A. Mr. H. and Horace sat by the king pistols in hand all night. They did nothing of the kind. Though they had revolvers concealed on their persons for their own possible protection, they were never shown and they simply stayed with the king as witnesses and to give him moral support, that too

at the reqeust of the American Minister. Now, to change the subject, looking over your letter, I see you say I asked you to get frilled shirts for Horace. Either you misread the letter or I was crazy or asleep when I wrote it. I never dreamed of such a thing for him - and Hellie has plenty of them - I would not buy such a thing for him. I may have said tennis shirts, or flannel shirts, but I can not think what else it could have been. But my servant is rather impatiently waiting for this letter. I am nearly distracted and so is Horace. The queen's stopping place is known to the man who was arrested today and he will probably be tortured to tell all he knows. Be glad you are in America.

Love to you all from us all

Your sister Lillie

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Grand Hotel
Chicago Illinois
May 27 [illegible]

My dear Thomas:

[illegible] for a week or so
at Chicago. I [illegible] see you
[illegible] & [illegible] I [illegible] in the
[illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] so [illegible] that [illegible] write
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Dear Willie now I have been
well for some time. Willie was
coughing [illegible]. He had three
weekly catechetical classes & [illegible] other
Bible classes. He [illegible] stories &
attend every Sunday & too of not three
days a week & the exposure, this
with all the off household affairs
was rather much, then too the
late disturbances in Paris have been
[illegible] [illegible] of considerable anxiety
& Willie & when the news was
murdered & almost seemed to
[illegible] [illegible] relations had

[illegible] she [illegible] here & she got out of breath & heart palpitation from simply walking up stairs. Since she came here she caught a bad cold that has settled on her lungs & every day she has several degrees of fever. We are however closing her up & hope to mend be round. Add to this just now quite a severe blister started on her foot that shows a tendency to ulcerate. You see "Storm rains but it pours" is true again. She has been laid up ever since we have been here but she can lie on a lounge on our piazza & watch the waves & hear the surf.

[illegible]

You told me that you know when mail would be acceptable. I am short of such funds I provide 1/10 of my daily income for this & other too [illegible] used to. Now there is Yanbook the reputed a lot of books but of trust & some new ones now read.
If you have funds for charitable purposes & you be would be well used [illegible] I feel that the investment would most certainly be a great gain [illegible] hell on Rosen.
I have undergone a day past cancer & have struggle for along before [illegible]

A third edition is now in the press. It is no small notifica-
& find that this book which was so much stolen against
well received. There are two others now in
the field but mine still holds its own & finds a good
deal of favor. A large number of these tracts are for
free distribution & those that are sold do not
quite pay for the cost of the paper so that there is
from a financial point of view quite a loss in
this tract work but that is what we expect in
this work. He finds that you have sent me some also
one of Goodrich's & literary workers &
& two Chinese scriptures tracts.

e more than two men working at Hatti. He is a good
scholar. I am sorry I do not send any money but I
send word that I do not know that he would
accept. I will let me know & what offer I make of
my & to how many years. I suppose he would have
to have the same as a married man. I may mean
to our mission. Though this is less than what he
left down the Bible Society. He has a wife who
is a good helper in his work. He is a good hardworker
has practical writing knowledge, is
a good scholar & would be a great help in the
publishing line

3)

who called on me at my office & brought the Bethlehem
shell home again. He is expecting to resign from the
Belle soon. He does not know what he will do but
he is a good practical man & one whom I should much
enjoy to have associated with me in work. I could
have a good deal more of that in association. We
shall come out from the Board we each quit
regular work but if you cared to put him in
as a missionary he would be a great and
delightful help. As it is I do not get to the
country mission stations as often as I should
like & I could do a little work that would

[illegible] year. Everywhere we get a great adventure learning to know we have the most [illegible]. You know well that when the [illegible] resume it must follow the proper [illegible] and [illegible] but as work upon [illegible] the same all over where the work in Korea is pushed. The work in the south [illegible] with [illegible] about more pay while I am here. [illegible] soon [illegible] send [illegible]

10

11

[illegible]

c) take $100.00 & send it to the Armenian orphans for us. This what we desire to contribute & have it from what you said was to be on acct in the savings bank.

(d). If you at anytime hear of a good investment for the small balance now or when it has grown convenient to invest for us.

Work in Korea goes on well. all is most promising & we feel sure that a big work is before us. North South east & west reports well & we tell that much will be done

[illegible]

12 Now as to the most [illegible] [illegible] cash.

13 Please take $25.00 from our bank acct on 30 or so [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

the purchase of the Old Girls school property & out to the road' for $3000. Yen or about $1500. Gold
1st This is twice the size of Girls school (proper) as the ground in a straight line to road. It is worth a real more than $3000.00 Yen. If the board is going to sell for that I should like to be allowed to buy it. It would be a good investment for me.
2nd It cuts out nearly all my Garden. They ask for a straight line down to road. This cuts it near all to my Garden which is hard the fair 'this is said at greatest length but feel that

[illegible]

cannot be induced to see. The King needs more reflection
get this from a reliable source I believe they will run
well. The people love their King & when the
Tide comes are glad that he is at Hillsborough
Station.

The second Prince will not come to America yet
awhile. His majesty has called him back to Hanover
& of course he must obey his Father.

But I must close.

I have just heard that Gen Allen has proposed to
the U.S. Govt & also to me in hopes that the
negotiation direct with the board in N.Y. for

I am as ever yours & wishes
[illegible]

that there will be
any such transfer is made
in New York where they
know and know what
this "straight line railroad"
would include.

Now I must close. I will
write more later. Meanwhile
for all from us all
accept love from Mother
Thomas

Your affectionate Brothers

Isaac

[illegible] [illegible]. He [illegible] the high official
left Hafthaden [illegible] that we are doing the
[illegible] on the [illegible]. I [illegible] we should
[illegible] before [illegible] the cost of the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] I was so well [illegible]
Brain cast steamer he did so far as the order was
[illegible] Hardware the was in need
of it at Stock. I had not calculated weight for
if the vessel should reach Kennebec as
I do only for it would be slight.

Bost. June 17th 94.

Dear Brother

You must be back again & have
had the [illegible] fourth mail at home. I had
hoped to have sent it off before but was
disappointed. We had a bad day of it over here

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] "pretty-pretty" that Lillie [illegible]

[illegible] "Chicago News" [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[

[illegible]

I hope you prospect successfully. We are not yet
sure what we shall do next. [illegible]
Tom. We but we shall have more or less
employment for them. I am sending you such papers as
I can spare & will point out the 2d and more of
your duties.

Re Salary. In my last letter you and Chas. Edwin
promised that no more letters should pass
upon the subject of the Salary, so I have now
reduced it to $1350 instead of 2½ percent of the net
left at $1350.00 till Aug 1896 when it will be
reduced the next reduced to $1250.00

Now this is an entirely new Salary. In my
letter to the Chas. Edwin I said Salary, in
the report of the Commissioner General of the North West,
& all the Sub Chiefs in Canada are paid a salary
which will be $1000 & $450 per yr. If this is so
you are right & the Board to receive the full
$1250.00 a year yr. In my last letter I mentioned that
I have called you a Member of the Board of which
I myself am a member & in the 2d letter
you right but the next report of the commissioner
will tell why I am & the same brothers
are myself.

I am a Christian minister. I am going
today to Lake of Neck. He came [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] I would find the
[illegible] left I entered [illegible] c [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] deposits
about [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

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Dues

[illegible]

J. Ünlüdi.

30 Ave.

N. Y. City

N. Y.

K. L. A. via Japan

Chefoo China
Lord's Day
Oct 11 '90

My dear Mamma.

Your letter last we have received yesterday & I thought I ought to write to you. We were detained about a week there by Mr Chu's coming & then by his not coming. He actually has been more power of God. Now out of I found my whole energy & enthusiasm has been exercised all Friday & Saturday in getting things into order. While Mr Chu was in we found our's lately all things & put. Either he would stay in or not to stay longer. We broke (?) all & then had the whole afternoon of happiness in seeing the blessed results of prayer. I do not know that I ever saw so clear & a good deal of answer to prayer. Thank the Lord of the Harvest was

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[illegible]

(No/I.)

Seoul, Korea. June I7th/ I898.

My Dear Thomas;-

Your three letters previouse to May 2nd. and cover--ing a period of about three weeks all reached me by one mail the other day. You see that I am trying the new type- writer and as you will see i amm not yet quite accustomed to the upper & lower casese but this will come in a little while. The machine is a beauty and is the admiration of all that have seen it. I have had a number of inquir--ies as to price and also as to whether there would be any reductionm to missionaries. The tabular stops are a fine thing and we have al--ready found that they were of great use. It was an example of this that made the treasurer of the Methodist Mission here come round and ask what it would cost for him to get a machine like it. Then too everything is right before you and you can tell all that you have writ--ten without lifting up the case which is a wonderfull help to amatures and writers like your humble servant.

RE. PRINCE:- I went and saw Mr/ Brown as soon as your letters reached me and let him have that part of your letters that referred to the Prince.It was not a fact that he had had a cable from here ordering him to come home but it is generally supposed that he did get a cable from the rebels in Japan who, it is supposed, knowing that the Russian has at present relinquished his hold are concocting some plot for the overthrow of the presentgovernment and if they could get hold of the young Prince it would be a pretty good card. It is a pity that he heeded any such cable for the chances are that he will be degraded

AND THIS WILL BE NO SMALL AFFAIR TO HIM . I regret much that his trip to America should not have had a better result but the whole difficulty was with the way in which he was sent. I objected to MR Pak from the very start and i think that the whole difficulty came there. Mr Pak was a Romanist and of course was anxiouse to keep the Prince from under the control of Protestants. I feared this before we started and referrde the matter to, Mr Brown(who is hardly a nominal Christian though he cannot be said to be anti- christian-) , but he seemed to have a good deal of confidence in Mr Pak & I could do nothing. I had a long talk with Mr Pak & he talked so straight forwardly that I was fain to believe that all would be right. Then too ,if Mr.Gale talked to the Prince as he talked publicly on the steamer about his affairs, his influence was none for the best. He seemed to think that he should have been maintained as Prince while in the States, that the amount allowed him from here of $100.00 gold a month was altogether inade--quate for him as a prince, that it was a disgrace to the Korean Government to, attempt such a thing. If the Prince was talked to in this fashion it is no wonder that he decided to get home as soon as he could. Mr. Gale seems while in Washington to have been very strangely under the influence of the present Korean Minister to Washington. We in Seoul know him well and have known him for a number of years. It might not be politic nor would it be the best thing to say so to his face , but he is generally considered to be a rascal and Prince Min Yong Whan who is also in Washington has proven himself to be one of the best of Korean officials and yet Mr Gale

is loud in proclaiming Min Yong Whan as a rascal and the Minister as a saint. You said in your letter that you would send me full accounts & particulars of the Prince and his affairs so that I could hand the same over to Mr Brown and I should be glad if I could GEt the SAme.

W e had quite a time when Lillie got/ back . Hollie& I went down to Chemulpo to meet her . We wished much that we could have run over to Nagasaki and met her there but we could not well afford this so we contented ourselves with a trip to Chemulpo. Lillies steamer was late on account of the fogs and instead of getting in at 4 A.M. on Monday did not arrive till I.20 P.A.M. on Tuesday. Chemulpo inner harbor can only be entered at full tide and at all other time the ships have to anchor three miles out. Under these circumstances it is not an easy matter to meet, anyone nicely for one cannot well stay in a little boat (Japanese row-boat-) three miles out in the open sea all day waiting for a steamer and then too if you, do not go out you cannot tell what boat it is till she has reached her anchorage. Just at dusk we were badly fooled. A steamer was seen coming in and as Lillies steamer was the only one that they were expecting the Company told us that it was the steamer. Hollie & I got a boat and road all the 3& I/2 miles out only to find that it was a Russian steamer. I heard the whistle at I.20 and went out only to find that they refused to let me on Board before the Customs officer came off which they informed me would be at daylight. I did not give up and after a good deal of parleying the Captain consented to allow the gang to be lowered and I got on board .

We all got safely up to Seoul and we found that some of the Ladies had beem in the house and had decorated it beautifully with wild and cultivated roses and other flowers. The koreans also gave her a most hearty welcome and tried to make her think that she was realy coming home/. The next day the boxes were here and we proceeded to open them with no little dispatch. We do not know how to thank you for all the lovely things with which they were filled. Hollie, and in fact all of us were beside ourselves with excitement as one thing after the other was brought out of the box. Hollie looks just lovely in that suit and he takes the shine,off of all the other boys. Not that that he needs anym such thing to set him off but when he gets them on he is just beyond description. That gun is just a beauty, it is the finest shot gun in Korea and I wish that I could in some way get to you a few of the wild ducks & geese and pheasants that it will shoot. I had seen only one Parker gun before and it had beenm shown to me as something that was very fine but it was not nearly as handsome a gun as this. I will be the envy of all and you can think of me when I am in the country as having a good deal better fare now becaus of that gun. I shall not run much danger of starvation in a country full of game when I have such a gun.

Work goes on well all over Korea wherever the workers are sent and our successes are only limited by our efforts. The idea that it is open in the North and no whrer else is a sad blunder that quite a number of people have gotten into. I wrote you while I was in the country the last time about the success of the work on that trip &

THEway in which the people were taking hold and setting to work. They do wonders and are to be commended much but they badly need leaders and as yet these have not been found among them. They will in time be found but it will take some time to/train them and this is the work that just now demands our attention. And yet who is there to do this work and how best had it be done. We must show by example how to carry on the evangelistic work and in fact we must, be the leaders.

From a political aspect things are no better than they were & as far as we can see they are realy worse rhan they were. I think that it must be acknowledged by all that the best government that Kore a has ever had was when the Japanese were in power. The Japanese were Orientals and knew how to manage these people better than any one else that has ever tried it. They knew well what this people needed and where they were lacking and it was wi th this knowledge that they set to work. They were far from perfect and made some awful blunders but as far as the people of this land were concerned they did attempt to see that Justice was meeted out to the poor people and the laborer was as--sured of the result of his labor. To day the country is without law of any kind and " Might makes right " all over the land. What the end will be no one can at all see but I feel sure that as they are at present things cannot go on and either another power must step in or the people will arise and there will be a period of riot & anarchy in this land. It is a little ominouse when way off in the interior you find people discussing the French Revolutions and saying that that is the only hope for the country.

Again there is talk about the government desiring to buy property

and that they desire to buy out the old Vinton property and our house & I amwriting to DR Ellinwood about the matter. I do wish that in som way it could be settled by the Board that this would not be done so that we could feel secure in our house. I think that it would be a great mistake to sell our house after all that has been put int o it and not only that I do not think that money could repay for the time and physical en--ergy that would be used up in the building of another place. We have little by little put a good deal of time and energy and money into thisplace and it is just adapted to our work both here and in the country. Dr. Vintons place is right back of ours and on a higher level so that that too should not be sold as its sale would make this place untenable. Dr. Vinton has left there now and Miss Wambold(whose work is in connection with our Church and therefor in our neighborhood) and Dr.Whiting are now living there. If the Board should sell that place they would have to get some other place elsewhere for these ladies for the Millers and for us. I do wish that something could be done that would settle it that we were not to be sold out. I have been to see Mr. Brown about the prince and also spoke to him as to the intention of the government as to,the purchase of our place. He says that he has no definite information on the point but that he has no doubt at all but what the King will want to buy this place as soon as he can lay his hands upon the mon eym to do so but that he(Mr.Brown) does not see for what he can want it or what will be the use when he has it/

A bout the Prince he says he would be obliged to you if you could send him an account of the moneys spent and the balance left over.

He also sais do not pay any of those other unauthorized bills. He feels rather badly about the Prince's trip to America and feels that it has been a failure and blames this upon Mr/. Pak abd anso upon Mr. Loomis through whom the Prince received some very poor and ill-judged advice.

I wish that it had turned out differently but we tried to do the best and that is the end of it. i do not kow how the young man himself feels and trust that he feels alright though I have heard since he has been in Japan that he complains bitterly about the amount allowed being too small. His feelings on this score have no doubt been no little increased by some of the foreign ers who are pitying him and putting such idears into his head.

Well I do not know but what I am getting to have too long a letter and think that I had better stpp. All are well and send love.

HOllie and Kate with quite a few others have gone down to our river house to a sort of picnic . Give much love to all and accept a full share for yourself from

YOUR LOVING BROTHER

[illegible]

(BUSINESS LETTER .)

Seoul, Korea. June 20th. 1898.

NO.2.

My Dear Thomas:-

I have one or two items of business and thought it might be better if they were in a separate letter.

RE CHECKS:- I had written to the bank in Shanghai several times before I wrote you & at the same time that I wrote to you I wrote them again And had found their answer awaiting me when I returned. They replied that it had been a mistake of theirs , that they had received the check & correcting the mistake asked to be excused for it. Check No. 1952 was the check which I so that I should be surer of getting proper rates had made out to the ord er of Mr. Fitch for him to place to my account. It is all straight now but it has taught me that I must keep a closer watch upon the bank than I had thought.They could not or would not (I do not know which) find their mistake till I stated that I, had written to find out from the bank on which the check had been drawn & in addition to this they had charged me with making entries in their book.

RE MY ACCOUNTS:- In your last letter but one you said that you would send by next mail a statement of my account with you. Would you draw from my account in the Savings bank whatever is needed up to enough to keep the account open and repay yourself and then let me know how much more I owe you and how the bank account stands. If the two statements could come to-gether I should be glad.

RE TYPE-WRITER:- Since the arrival of my new Type- writer I have receiv-ed a number of requests as to price and also as to whether if it

is sold at the same price to Missionaries. I am also all the time receiving requests for prices of paper inks etc . Have you such a thing as a price list that you could let me have.

RE MY WANTS;- Of a few things I am entirely out.

Ist. Ihave no Cyclostyle supplies. I need paper ink & a new roler

2nd. I need Cobalt Writing Fluid. I have plenty of Copying ink & Egyptian Black. Is the latter good for fountain pens.

3rd. I am out of Lead pencils.

4th/ I need the oil paper and proper blotter with instructions as to how to copy letters written with the Underwood ribbons. I can make a success with the writing ink but fail when it comes to type written work.

These will seem some modest requests but it would hardly do for me to send my orders for supplies to Smith.

trusting that you will pardon my asking so, much

Your Brother

J. Dickout

C/B 1947

Oct 21 1894

The National Bank

Rev. A. J. Wheelwright Dean Area

Twenty Five Pounds No Shillings

25-0-0

C/B 1952

Oct 30

The National Bank

Rev. J. Patton Dean Area

Twenty Five Pounds

25-0-0

C/B 1948

Oct 21 1894

The National Bank

Rev. A. J. Wheelwright Dean Area

Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings

12-10-0

[illegible] order of Rev. J. T. Tetlow
Shanghai
[illegible]

PAY TO THE [illegible] SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION OR ORDER

FOR CREDIT WITH THE
LONDON & COUNTY BANKING CO. LTD.
FOR THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

..... MANAGER

[illegible]

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[illegible]

Seoul , Korea. Aug. Ist. I898

My Dear Thomas:-

I have been watching for a letter from you but I have not received a word sinc e the letter that you sent about the return of the young Prince. I receiced Mr Hands accounts, and the draft for the balance which I will hand over to Mr Brown and I trust that his little trip to America may not have been of no avail. I feel that although we cannot now see the good that good can be brought out of it & at the time it certainly did seem as though providence did point to our doing what we could to get him to America & to putting him under Christian influences. It is known now that it was some of the refugees in Japan that sent to America and asked him to come back. The King was no longer surrounded by a foreign gaurd and it was thought that now was the time to do something and the Prince was just the man to work with. Of course he would be no better than the present King but those who would put him in power would control and out in the east here if you want to do anything you must have someone of Royal blood.

There is and always will be a great deal of dissatisfaction with the present government. His Majesty insists that He & He alone is the power in Korea and he does not even give any power to any one of His MInisters. He has what he calls a cabinet but in reality he has no cabinet for He appoints his ministers without any regard to their fitness for the positions to be filled and without any regard to their likelihood of their agreeing among themselves. In like manner the So-calledPrime MInister is appointed entirely regardless of his political leanings and as a result what harmony can you possibly have and what can you do with such a cabinet. It has been konown to have a cabinet in which no two members out of ten agreed and as a result all the different depatrments were working in opposition to each other so much so that the police and army were working in opposition to each other and as a result the police commenced arresting soldiers and when the civil court ordered them not to do so the whole Police force of the land from the Commisioner of police(a Cabinet Officer) and the high Police Officials down to the sargents & common Police men all struck on one day, locked up all the stations and for several days you could not find a police man anywhere at all. When such things are possible what can you expect. Just now a prolonged trial is going on in connection with an alleged conspiracy to dethrone the King and a large number of the highest officials are implicated but as to what will be the result we cannot at all say. Right in the midst of the trial everything has stopped. One of the native papers took occasion to criticise one of the judges and one Korean also memorialised the throne : so the judge at one dissolved the court and said there would be no more sittings till these criticisms were stopped. Everything is so childish and the Koreans from the highest down are just like so many babies. It reminds me of when we as children would be playing and something was done that we did not like we would say "I w'ont play any more if you Dont play my way". It will be a long long while before Korea can govern herself aright and how I wish that she would as help of old England.

We are much interested in the war thiugh we only get a few notes here and there and do not know much about all that has been done ?,

Our Minister has been favored with a few cables so that we have heard of the main features of the war but that is all. On Saturday last we heard that Spain was sueing for peace and were rejoiced to think that the war would be soon over. Rumors about the attitude of Germany have not been very satisfactory and we are anxiously awaiting the next mal to see what will happen. As far as we have been able to learn everythign has been much for the honor of the States and the war has brought our country forward in a way that was not at all expected by the Foreign powers. When the war began out here it was by a good many people looked upon as a sort of doubtful affair and it was very freely stated that the U.S. had no Navy and that it would not take long for Spain to show Uncle Sam that she had a considerable job on her hands : that of course in the end the States would win because of her resources. Such was the talk then and now that it has turned out as it has they say " Oh well S pain never had a chance against the U. S. " I have been wondering all along how it was affecting trade and how it would affect you and your business. Has it made much difference. I have thought that perhaps it would not make much of a difference as no matter what was done ther would be as much need f for writing and the use of writing materials.

I have been a little under the weather again and for a time I feared that I was going to be affected the same as last year but a good use of quinine set me up and then a rest has about brought me round again so that I am well but not yet as strong as I should like.

It took some time to get the fever under control but we succeeded in the end and I am now taking quinine at the proper intervals so as to ward off a return. Work goes on well and if the politics do not interfere the next few years will see some wondrous changes in this heathen land. This land of Korea as far as Mission work is concerned is in a marvelouse way r the exponent of the self support system that is know as the Nevious System and in this land in the Presbyterian Mission it has been carried to an extent that I believe has not been equaled in any Mission field/ I believe that it is the plan that should be followed and that only by this plan can a stong work be, started in a comparative short time.

Dr Ellinwood h s written to me asking me to write a history of our Presbyterian Mission in korea so as to have it for the Pan- Presbyterian Alliance that is to meet in Washington in 1900. I shall endeavor to show in it how the use of this system has so materially affected our work. I amm morer & more convinced that it is the plan that should be followed the world over. We have one difficulty to encounter and that is that our sister missions do not see eye to eye with us in this mattet and it is no easy work to carry out such a system with other missions righ t alnogside of you working along other lines and following the very opposite policy.

Bible Translation comes on apace and if the printer would only do his part of the work we could have almost the whole of the New Testament printed before the next annual meeting. I was kept in the city quite late this year on account of the meetings of the Board and I

hope to be able to do a good deal of my own individual work down here this summer.

We enjoy this Summer house very much indeed and infact if it were not here I do not know what we would do for it has been proven that as far as we are concerned we could not stand the summer in our house in Seoul. We had a thatch roof on up to this spring but the winds are so high that it was regularly blown off two or three times each summer and then we had to move the bed about from place to place to find a dry spot. Of course we could not stand this and we were forced to plan for something different and so we had to have the thatch re)-moved and have had a roof of metal tiles put on and a number of other necessary repairs done. Now we are well housed and I cannot tell you what a luxury it is to be able to go to bed without being afraid that before morning you will have to get up two or three times to move the bed to a dry spot. Our place does realy look very pretty indeed & I wish much that you could drop in and see us. the rains this year have not been as bad as in some other years and much to our delight they have in the main been comingm at night.

Lillie has been pretty well since her return but has had several turns of sickness and is not at all strong. I felt that what she needed was some tonic to assist her digestion and was anxious to get her to take some Tokay as it did her so much good before but she would not do so but now for a few days she has been taking a little & she is feeling a good dael better for it.

Kate had quite s a sick spell but she has pulled round nicely & has just returned from a little over a week in Chemulpo. Of course this is not a first class place to stop at but then it is the sea side and she had sea air while she was away and also it was a change. We told her to stay a couple of weeks or so if she desired it but she did not care to stay longer.

Hollie had a bad attack of fever which was very obstinate and nothing seemed to have any effect at all till of late the quinine has had a good effect but it seemed no good until we gave him such large doses that its toxic effects were manifest. We had rather a fright about him the other day. He was a good deal better and I had gone into the city and was just coming back. He saw me in the distance and jumped up to call and wave to me. In turning he fell full length on the back of his head. The fall seemed to knock all his senses out of his head & for the good part of an hour he could not recall anything that had happened, how he had hurt himself or how he was in his night clothes, & he did not seem to know th at he had been sick. We were naturally rather frightened but ice on his head and bromide and a good sleep brought him round alright though we were very careful to keep him very quiet for a few days. He is alright now and is as well as ever

The Bunkers have left the Mission and have gone up to the mines to act as accountant for the American Company that is working them but he made arrangements with this company that they should provide him with a Christian helper so that he should have the opportunity of

DOING Christian work there/ He calls it entering upon Independent Mission work and the other day I received rather s surprising letter from Mrs Bunker referring to some rumors of Mission action that was to affect me. I enclose the letter and have marked it "No I" and have underscored the part referred to. It botherd me quite a little for I could not think of anything that it could refer to & spoke with one or two of my friends but as they did not know anything had concluded that there was nothing in it at all when I received another letter referring to something in a mysterious way 2 (letter No 2 also underscored with red) and it does look as though something is being arranged and as though it aims at me. I thought that as I have heard of this I had better let you Know so that you may know that if there is any trouble at the next Annual meeting And my name is mixed up in it you will know that it is not of my seeking and if you think it worth while you might mention it or show this to DR Ellinwood but this I leave to your judgement. It simply occured to me that if anything is to come up it would be as well for them to know at least this much beforehand.

I do not know to/ what it can refer nor on what line the action is to be taken it may be any one of the following;-

A. The Newspaper has met with a good deal of opposition from some members of the mission and it may be that the attack is to be along the old line of opposition to it and yet I can hardly think this is so as some talked over the matter , I have been told, with Mr Speer and in his report he did not condemn it and then no further action was taken at the last meeting.

B. The fact that I do not use the same term for God that they do puts me in a bad way with not a few of our mission and I am very sorry for it. They try to represent that I am alone in this but this is not so as there, are some of the members of our own mission, a few of the Methodist and the entire English Mission as well as the whole of the Baptist Mission. The objection by us is to taking the name of the cheif of the Gods and using that for the true God and in all books etc telling the people that we ~~xxxxxxx~~ worship " The Honorable Heavens". The contention is not the same as in China where the bulk of the Missionaries use the term that means 2 the Supreme Ruler" and where the strongest advocates of this term say that theycould never consent to use the term used here and in China it has never been used. In connection with this matter I do not hold for any special term but object to the one that has been adopted by so many and time and again I have asked & urged the other members of the mission to meet with me and in prayer to lay the matter before God and to see whether we could not get to the point where we could agree upon one term but this they refuse and they will not for a moment consider any such plan. They have claimed that I have been changeable and have held to one term and then to another but this has been only with the hope and prayer that we might come to one term on which we could all agree. I hardly see however how they are going to take any action on this question as so far in all missions whrer there are convictions

on the matter of the term to be used for God it has been left to the individual to use the term that he has deemed right/ It shouldm also be born in mind that they have never claimed that the other terms proposed are wrong or that htey give a wrong idea to the Korean but that the term they use will do.

C. It may be in the matter of the Quinine business that is being done. You know that for some time we have been supplying men with quinine so that they by its sale could make a living and at the same time carry on their Mission work with out any expense to the mission. We thought that thereby we might be able to get people to work & not to think that they had to be paid for what they did for the Lord. So far it has worked well and as far as I have known it has been approved by the Mission. It has been reported from year to year in my annual reports and on more than one occasion it has been commended at an annual meeting. Under these circumstances I hardly think that this can be the matter that is coming up.

This has grown up little by little. At the start I gave it to the Korean at the exact figure it cost but found that there were items of freight, little costs of transportation local, loss by breakage, losses by pillage sometimes amounting to a considerable amount but which were not discovered till after the goods had been receipted for, the initial cost of starting men etc and that there was considerable loss because I was by mistake in reality selling below cost.

To Cover this a few sen per bottle were added to the apparent cost with the result that as a rule we have come out aboutm even.

Up to within the last few months there has been absolutely no profit and what has remained since then has been used to stock the shops with books and a little has been used to cover the deficite on the " CHRISTIAN NEWS ".

D.It may be that they are going to object to my putting the Korean in the way of getting some home implements such as plows etc. At the start they are afraid of the merchants but have confidence in the missionary so I have assisted them in the placing of their orders etc and in the getting of their goods but have arranged with a business firm here to look after the whole affair. I cannot imagine that any objection can be taken to this.

E. The last and only other thing that I can think that it can possibly refer to is the trip to Fusan that was taken to look into the affairs of the Australian Mission. After we had gone a telegram was received from Pyeng Yang objecting to the investigation and it may be that this matter is coming up but When the BOARD at home had approved it hardly seems that they are likely to object.

This is the way affairs stand and I have carefully thought of all the things that could come up and I cannot think of anythingm else that it can be and yet I do not see how they can object to any of these.

I was glad to hear from Lillie about your new offices and the type writer business. I wish that you could tell me all about the

BUSINESS etc and I should like much to have a photograph of your new offices. I was delighted to get the pictures of the rooms in the Brooklyn house and to see how things were all looking. What have you decided about the changes preparatory to Hannah's wedding. Are you going to have them made and what is Hannah going to do. I want to be kept posted about all that you are doing and all the changes.

But I must close / In connection with the enclosed letters please bear in mind that they are private letters and that they neither of them know that I am sending them to you. The names of the writers must not be mentioned at all and it must not be known at all that I have sent home these letters to you.

I hope that we shall hear from you soon . You must not be surprised at delays in the mail as there is only a monthly service to, the East just now. Can you not persuade Hannah & her beloved that if they get out to California they ought to come over here to Korea to see us and to see this part of the East. Everything is changing and they ought to come out here to see it before the change takes place.

All join in much love to you all

(New Series No _6) Seoul, Korea. Nov 8th.1898

My Dear Thomas:-

Another mailhas just come in and I have had a batch of letters but to say the least it was rather a strange medley .

I saw a lot of letters and jumped for them at once and thought that I was going to have a lot to read. The first I opened contained the duplicate Bill of lading for the boxes that have been sent.

The second tha I opened contained your letter No 10 that was written last May and was an account of the Prince Funds for Mr. Berown bu t long ere this I had received Mr. Hands accounts of the same and had turned them over to Mr. Brown. The third that I opened contained the duplicate invoices for the Lamps and Christmas box that you had sent.

The Fourth was a bonafide letter your letter No 12 of Sept 14th.

About these let me remark that No 10 which should have had enclosures in the line of accounts had no such enclosures. They are not needed now as the whole matter has been closed with Mr. Brown but I let you know so that you may know that it is no uncommon thing to have letters that speakof enclosed papers without being able to find the papers, that you say have been put in. These papers that were supposed to have been in letter No. 10 do not matter now as the whole affair is settled and closed.

I was glad to get letter No 12 and to hear that at the writing you were all well. As far as the affairs that were to comem off at the annual meeting are concerned they were all smoved over and everything went along nicely. There were some rubs but beyond what

I said in my letter No. 5 nothing of any serious nature came up.

About the paper they seem to be more at ease and I think that things will go along better now. About all the other affairs they are now straightened out and all will go well and I have arranged to turn all the Quinine business over to/others and this has been done in such a way as to continue the work that was going on as a result of it and at the same time to relieve me of all work and responsibility about the matter.

THE PRINCE has never come to Korea yet and I do not know when he will. From a political point of view all out here is very much mixed . The last few days we have been on the very verge of a popular uprising. The people are waking up to the fact that they have some rights and in a dignified way they are insisting upon them .

The King had yeilded to them but some of his advisers thought best to try and stop what was going on absolutely and got the order for the arrest of I9 of the peoples leaders. They were arrested one night and when it was learned the next morning some 30 thousand people gathered on the street and big square and in a dignified way sent in a request that as the leaders of the people had been arrested and the leaders had only done what the people had asked, they too might all be arrested. For some four or five days this crowd with bonfires etc have continued night and day waiting to be arrested. They in a quiet way simply say that if they have done wrong they are ready to die and there they stay. The leading stores and merchants have all

stopped business andclosed their doors on the plea that if they have no rights they might as well die of starvation as of oppression.

They have in the main been quiet and orderly. The only thing that they have done that might be said to be wrong was that when a company of soldiers was sent to disperse them and the order was given to prepare to fire they rushed up anf disarmed the soldiers but nothing more and then gave them back their arms and let them go. There they still are camped,and ther they say they will wait and die if they do not get justice. I tell you the fact that we see these people are getting a little back bone is most encouraging and as we see thiswe feel that there is some hope for this country after all if only the outside countries will keep hands off and let them work it out for themselves. They have waked up to the fact that they have some rights and that if they can only stick together they have no little power. The end is in other hands than our and we need have no fear and yet with what trembling and hesitation and real fear we watch to see what the finale is to be.

Most of us are pretty well now. I found the trial no small work and do not yet know what the end will be as there is a disagreement. the decission has not yet been reached. Lillie is about the same as usual and as the winter draws on suffers more & more from her old trouble. We are all going to start for a long trip into the country in a few days and we will not be back till just a few days before Christmas. Kate has not been at all well for some days but is

better now and the doctors all say that it is nothing serious. She will be up to-day and in a few days will be herself again.

ROUTS TO THE EAST. In your letter you ask about this and I would state as follows:-

The QUISKEST rout is taking all in all the one that you sent by m but all these overland routs are rather costly/. If any thing is wanted in a hurry it is well enough but if there is time to wait the water rout is the best.

The Most usual and CHEAPEST routs to ship per S.S. from N.Y. to SHANGHAI. If this is done it should be shipped to me Seoul Korea care of PRESBYTERIAN MISSION PRESS, SHANGHAI CHINA.

This is a slow rout and things take a long while to come that way but this is by all odds the cheapest and in fact in ordering any thing from the Board it is the rout used by all our n missionaries except when there is special haste needed. It is not a bad plan if the package is not a full ton to send it to, the Board and to let them ship it [illegible] that there is not a S.S. that leaves N.Y. for the China coast on xx which our Board does not have some shipments.

I am sorry to see by the note at the end of your letter that you are having so much in a business way to, worry and annoy you. I can see how trying it must all be. At all times you have our earnest prayers and here is whence help must come. I wish much that I were x where I could be of some help but it has been ordered otherwise and I

know that he who rules the world will help. It is our greates t comfort to feel that the work is not ours, it is His and that He is able and will look after His Own. You I know are working for Him and are trying to carry on the work for HIm and I am sure that He will look after and Sustain you.

But I must be closing. I have to take charge of the MIller baby funeral to-day. Hear the end of the trial to-morrow and start for the country the day after. I have still a good deal to do in this house and in the line of getting ready.

Give our love to all and a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With much love from us all

Your LOving Brother

From T. G. Underwood.
Seoul Korea.

T. Underwood Esq.
30 Vesey Street
New York City.
U. S. America

Hai in Iowa. Dec 5 '95

My dear Thomas:

Here we are at Hai in. We have been away from home for about a month & will be starting back & home in about 5 or 6 more days. I am driven with work as I have the whole work & Brothers on my hands as well as feeding 40 twice a day on different farts & pitts etc.

I wrote was just going to write to you that one Hanford is on his way to Iowa & Mrs Thomas. Now we [illegible] will get us [illegible] it.

I am writing now in a hurry about this enclosure. I have just received the letter on Dec 5th & the amount was due on Nov 20th. The reason they did not get it on due date was that they sent the letter to Salt. It left Chicago on Oct 21st. Now can you have this straightened out. I did hear in some indirect way from home a long while ago that you were helping out about insurance on Father Harlow's life. When Sellie got back she said that she had written me about it & no answer had come. Now I do not know what Father would to you nor do I know just what you are. But you would do but I know it was [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

of course I do not know whether they will allow this claim above delg but in all justice when the fault is theirs own they ought to allow it.

While speaking about this & about money matters I have not received a statement of account with you & do not know how my affairs stand. Could you let me know. I must fear be terribly in arrears. At the same time I had I have statement of account with you could I have a statement of Benth account.

Well I must stop for a few lines as I have to go to the evening meeting.

9.30 P.M.

We had a very good meeting & there were several enquiries although tonight was quite stormy. Jesus the Lord has a goodly number of souls in this city to himself. Lillie & I have been holding meetings every day & we see a steady improvement in the attendance. Things in Stoke have been rather exciting while we were away but they will be alright again soon. Kate cannot throw off her old ways without a struggle. You will see about it from Lum & Chas in the Reporter. Does it reach you regularly. All seems quiet in mission circles now & I do not know but all will be

serene.

Now must close. Warlow. Call

that for yourself. Thanks for what you have

done respecting that ~~[illegible]~~ nigger

Yr affectionate Bro

Horace Gladerwood

(No 8)
Seoul, Korea. Dec 28th. 1898.

My Dear Thomas;

The mail has just come in and has brought us a fine feast in the way of letters and news from home. Up to the arrival of the mail one week ago we had not had a line from any one of you folks in brooklyn since the reception of your letter No 12 which I had answered in mine to you of Nov 9th so that for over a month and a half we had not had a line. Now however you have been trying to make up for bad behaviour and have done handsomely in sending me as follows;)

Letter (un-numbered)	written	Nov 16	Posted	Nov	[illegible]
Letter NO 14	""	Nov 22	""	""	22
Letter NO 15	""	Nov 25	""	""	26

If you have kept your numbering right then there has been a letter lost that was numbered No 11 and was written sometime between NO 10 of May 6th And NO 12 Of Sept 18th.

I began the new numbering in June and have sent you 7 letters sine then the 7th was not numbered as I had not got my tally book with me in the country.

The Christmas box arrived in good time and was here a few days before Christmas and how we longed to open it. Christmas coming on a Sunday we were not able to open it till Monday and we all got up early and before a big fire in the Study we soon had the covers off and were diving into the box unwrapping and the excitement was intense Many thanks indeed for that suit of clothes and that hat . It was

just one of the things that I was beginning to find that I would have to get but do you know that you have been sending me out so many suits of clothes that I have not had a chance to patronize the tailors a thing that they object to most decidedly, but that I rejoice in as they do fit so abominably. I look quite like a girl and more than one has asked me who my tailor was and I have replied that I have my tailor in New York. "Ah" they reply I knew that must be "some fit" .

I have to preach in the Foreign Church on Sunday and of course I ~~xxx~~ shall wear my new suit.

Lillie was delighted with her dress and think it is charming. Mollie looks well in that new suit. The green trimmed with the red and the white belt go so well together. It looks like a regular little man and it fits him so well too. There is nothing like it out here and we are all charmed with it. That book too that he had to get together. He is nothing if he is not patriotic and the little man has made him think a great deal about our allies etc and he never gets tired of anything in the book or our life and when it is in a mix with both he is doubly pleased. That lantern is quite a contrivance and Mollie never tires of seeing all the things in front and thinks it's funning. It is a source of not a little amusement to some of the green fellows and they make quite a study to find out what makes the rabbit jump up & down. The state has run a religion in on all and you have entirely used up our stock of adjectives. I feel that we must almost ask you to study Korean so that we can have some lot on superlatives

with which to express our thanks . Words then we would be unable to express all that we feel . I have now a fine stock of paper and stationery and I shall feel well prepared for literary work. I have a box of balls for Underwood's John so that I am going to put one of the mechanics here to send you an order so that they can keep it on hand. We had a quiet Christmas. We had planned to have the friends in to a meal and then just a day or two before Christmas came letters announcing the death of Mr Ben Porter and of course we had to send a wired off till the people got informed. No child had been sent to Father but knew that we were in the interior and that a message would not reach us. We was visiting at the time and I also made that he had sent us a message as it would only bring better for little.He had been saying all along that of course she had not gone yet or we would have had a message and then suddenly and unexpectedly came the word that she had passed away. We were expecting a few friends in to help prepare for Christmas that evening and of course that we had to send to them not to come. We had a quiet Christmas all by ourselves and we enjoyed it very much. The night before we all received some presents from the Norman Singlair of Finance.

Politically things in these local remains , every day and almost every hour new changes in the Cabinet and you do not know from one hour to another what the end will be. Cabinet is rapidly being made out here in Perm and we hitherto that happens there is always a steady progress forward. There are a good many rez tracts on it even but in

it all we can see that there is a steady advance and the present British Representative in his official report to his government said the progress here was marvellous and that no country had ever advanced as rapidly as had Kenya. The King is good and reasonable. Were it not for this I am sure that the progress would be even faster. As it is with all - [illegible] nevertheless the great fear is that end of the present that would be no benefit to the country will they in not gradually take over the land. What the end will be we do not know but as long as God gives us an open door to carry on the work it is our place to do so. He is blessing as most abundantly just now and in other ways we see great strides. The work is only limited by our ability to overcome it. Hannah wrote very kindly about being willing to let me have Mr Nielsen if I could get him. This I was unable to do but I am writing to her about another young man whom I can get and if I can have him I feel sure that I can do a great deal more and at the same time be wonderfully relieved from burdens myself. You will see all about the matter in my letter to her.

Now in reply to your Queries etc I will answer them so that they may be plain before you.

FIRST AS TO A NEW SECRETARY:-

It is a long long while since I have received anything from you for her. Last Spring I wrote you that I had sent the bar that went up to Feb 28th. I also wrote you asking you to send to

Walter Redpath
P.O.Box 136, Kimberly , South Africa.

The sum of £ 25. (Twenty Five Pounds Sterling) to be charged to this account. I have received no word from you that you have done this nor has Kate received word from Walter that he has repaid the amount. If you have not sent him this could you do so as soon as possible after the receipt of this as I believe they are in need and I know that Kate is in a hurry to have they get the money.

After this has been sent it will still leave ~~£25~~ Twenty-five pounds (£ 25.) to pay her up to Feb 29th 1888.

2nd RE LEASES. I note what you say in regard to these leases and I will proceed at once to collect from Dr Avison the amount that you say you have charged to my account. I fear that you will find that the attending to such commissions as these will be rather burdensome. I feel that it is too much almost to bother you about my affairs as I have from time to time but it is really altogether too much to bother you about other people as well.

3rd RE TABLE.

I am glad that you got the people at last and hope that they were, not altogether too late. I had written asking you to have them set and to charge the cost of the setting my account . Were you able to attend to this and what kind of a setting did you have . I think much that we could have got them a little earlier but this was impossible.

4th RE PAYMENT FOR BELLS MACHINE.

As soon as the bill for Mr Bell's machine came to hand I sent it to him and he had doubtless ere this sent you the money. I

will write his again and will find out how the matter stands and see that the amount is sent to you. I note what you say about ribbons etc and I will let him have some of those that you have sent to me

9th. RE THE OLD STOVE ORDER.

You ask that I send full particulars as to the stoves that were ordered but were not sent.

The Stoves were from THE ELY & RAMSAY CO. AND the numbers and marks were from their small catalogue published in 1902 and bound in red paper covers. The stoves ordered were

The NEW ROSSMORE RESERVOIR RANGE No. 2-20 listed at 77.10

The ROSSMORE COOK No. 7-14 " " 13.75

Both were wanted with extra wood fixtures and the discount was 33 & a third , and ten off.

Now let them send the nearest to these that they have in stock. And let the stoves be sent wether they give the full discount or not and let them be shipped by the board in the usual way.

10th. RE FREIGHT VIA TACOMA.

I had written you long ago as to the arrival of 15.6 P/L for the Christmas box etc but of course had not been able to write to you as to the arrival of the box as it had not come . It came through all right as you know from the first part of the letter but the exact date of its arrival was Dec 17th. It was delivered at my house in Seoul on that day and so you can see how long it took. There were some delays in Chemulpo but they might occur any year so that it is a fair reckoning .

7th. RE YOUR QUERIES ABOUT C O P Y I N G P R E SS.

I have a copying Press but NOTHING MORE in that line. I wrote you some time ago about this matter and asked for some of the things that were necessary but above all for Dierections. I can get good copies with my make shifts in the press of all except of things written with UNDERWOOD'S RIBBONS. I know this is on account of ignoranc on my part and I sent a special letter to J. UNDERWOOD & Co about the matter but they never answered except to say Letter received and will be attended to. If you have any influence with this firm a line or a jog from you might get them to attend to the matter. I will give a list of what I need. I have a Press that will take ordinary letter paper up to II & 3/4 inches. I need as follows:

1. A letter book.
2. Some oil sheets
3. Some blotters.
4. A damping brush. (I use a sponge or rag now and it oftentears the paper)
5. A water pot.
6. DIRECTIONS OR INSTRUCTIONS.

You see that I HAVE ONLY A PRESS and need all the apurtenances that go to make up a copying out-fit.

8th. RE CYCLOSTYLE & SUPPLIES.

When I came out here you kindly let me have a Cyclosty-le which has been of some use but which would have been of much more use had I had the supplies. You will doubtless remember that as it was wanted to pack at the factory you told me to take the Factory machine and this George gave me and I brought out. I am now entirely out of supplies for this and in addition to the need of supplies I need a new roller as the one I have is entirely worn out.

9th. RE SHIPMENT OF THESE THINGS.

All these things could be sent to the Board and they will send them out to Shanghai to which place they are always sending things and from there they will be distributed and we will get our things in due time. Any tome medium sized pkge can be sent this way. It is not the quickest way by any means but when there is not enough for a separate bill of lading it does very well. If the lenses have not yet been sent they might be packed in too.

If Mr Miller (SEE I4th note in this letter) is coming he could probably bring this all along with him when he comes.

I0th. RE AUDITING COM.

YOUR letter and enclosures were duly received and at the same time the Auditing Com received word from Mr.Hand about the matter so that that is alright now.

IITH. Re WILL AND LILLIES AFFAIRS.

It is very good of you indeed in the midst of all you other affairs to bother about these details but we have no one who could attend to it but you . Lillie is writing about details. She does not much like the idea of one of Charlie Egans family being Executor but she will write more fully. I had meant to write all in here but this is a matter that is worthy of a separate letter and it would be as well not to have it mixed up with all these other items.

I2th. RE MY INSURANCE.

I have been seeing a good deal in the papers lately about

the troubles in the MUTUAL RESERVE FUND INSURANCE CO. I believe this is my company. Are the troubles of a serious nature and would it be well for me to withdraw. I would be obliged if this matter could be looked into. If it is best to withdraw I should like to put the same amount of money in insurance in some other company. I will leave it to you to look into and to do what is best. I had always looked upon it as cheap insurance for the time and had thought it best to keep it going but I saw from the papers the other day that those who were in such a company were apt to be liable in certain ways. I do not know whether this is so or not but I thought I would write and ask you about it.

13th. Re MY ACCOUNT WITH YOU AND A STATEMENT OF SAME.

I should very much like to have a statement of how the account stands. It is now I think two years since I have had any statement at all. Please draw on my Bank account if there is any money in it all or as much as will be needed to reimburse you and let me know how the account stands and also how the bank account is. Some two years back you sent me a statement showing some 700.00 dollars in the bank to my credit at which I was greatly rejoiced and felt quite proud and rich until the next mail brought me a statement of my account with you showing that i owed about all of it to you. I should like you to repay yourself as far as you can and to then let me know how the matter stands. Since then I have received several letters saying statement enclosed and no statement has been enclosed at all.

14th RE MR MILLER OF HALIFAX COMING TO KOREA.

I suppose you know that just as Lillie was leaving for Korea she most generously and kindly offered to support Mr Pieters as my helper if he would come the support to come from the beginning of Oct. The difficulty was as to how Mr. Pieters was to live between the time that he left the American Bible Society and Oct and as the B.&.F.B.S. offered him a job at once he accepted it and he is with them still. Since then I have heard of a MR MILLER OF HALIFAX NOVA SCOTIA who from all that I can learn is just the man. HE was a n intimate friend of Dr Grierson's out here who knew him well and who is a very conscientious man and he sais after seeing the work that would have to be done that he is just the man for me. I have sent my letter to MR MILLER in my letter to Hannah. If Hannahs odder is still open would you mind writing to Mr. Miller as well and assisting in settling the details.

But I must be closing. 10 pages is a very fair letter and I fear it is too long . It is now Dec 31st and on the eve of the New year I want to wish you a Happy New Year And many many of them

With much love from us all, we are all well

Your Loving Brother

Horace G Underwood